



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 13**

**Meeting Date:** November 17, 2006

**Meeting Location:** Greene County DCS/DFR

#### **Council Members Present:**

Cami Terry, Lawrence County DCS FCM II; Debbie Dailey, Brown/Owen County Director; Stephanie Raventos, Owen County Supervisor; Angie Baugh, Owen County Foster Parent; William Walker, Regional Manager; Lindsey Smith, Monroe County Director

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Judge Erik Allen, Greene County Circuit Court; Judge Andrea McCord, Lawrence County Court; Judge David Welch, Monroe County Court; Beverly Haynes, Greene County CASA Director; Cheri Slover, Greene County DCS Acting Director

#### **Others In Attendance:**

Heather Perkins, Greene County FCM; Terrie Messina, Monroe County Supervisor; Michael Singleton, Ireland Home Based; Natalie Kassenbrock, Ireland Home Based; Julie Miller, Ireland Home Based; Ron Thompson, YSB of Monroe County

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 10:00 a.m.

1. First Order of Business: **Review of the September RSC minutes**

Mr. Walker gave members a chance to review the minutes from the September RSC meeting. No questions, comments or corrections were noted. The minutes from September RSC meeting will stand.

2. Second Order of Business: **Overview by Representatives from Ireland Home Based Services on progress made concerning Community Partnership for Child Safety**

Mike Singleton passed out handouts to all members regarding a progress report that was put together by Natalie Kassenbrock. Natalie has been meeting with all county office and providers within the region. When all information has been collected, a service grid will be compiled and given to Mr. Walker.

Discussed whether the service providers within the region understood Community Partnership for Child Safety to be a tool to intervene to prevent IA's, SRA's, or CHINS and the measures that would be put forth. Talked about putting a \$1,000 cap on each family, so RSC would not have to approve each intervention. If the home would exceed the \$1,000, then it would be presented to the RSC for approval.

Issues were brought up regarding referrals sent by DCS. Community Partners can not make a family participate in services. If they go to a home and they refuse, there is nothing they can do. The problem is that if they do refuse, Community Partners can not come back and tell DCS that they did not receive services, unless they have a release of information signed by the family. There needs to be a tool that allows contact with Community Partners.

Distribution of the money for Community Partners need to be distributed equally and fairly through out all counties in the region per Mr. Walker.

3. Third Order of Business: **Overview of foster home recruitment and foster home protocol**

Mr. Walker proposed a regional protocol for foster homes back in September. Debbie Dailey and Heather Perkins has been working on the project.

Debbie Dailey and Heather Perkins gave an update on how the project is moving along and what steps they have taken thus far. A lengthy discussion was held by all RSC members regarding the protocol.

4. Fourth Order of Business: **Approval of Child Welfare Service Contracts and Agreements**

Heather Perkins, Greene County DCS Acting Supervisor, presented grants to the RSC Council. All grants presented were approved by the RSC Council.

5. Fifth Order of Business: **Discussion points from members**

Discussed that all counties should be offered the same services through out the region. An overview of what the difference were from county to county regarding the services that had been offered in the past and what changes need to be occurring.

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:**

December 15, 2006  
Greene County DFR/DCS Office  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 12:00 p.m.